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DIAGNOSTIC APPLICATIONS USING SAME

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**REQUEST**

1. Applicants request that the abandonment in this case be withdrawn.  
This request is being made in accordance with section 711.03(c) of the  
Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and 37 CFR 1.181(a).

2. This information is being submitted promptly after Applicants have  
learned of the abandonment on the basis of the Notice of Abandonment  
mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 20,  
2004.

### SUBMISSION

3. Submitted herewith is a copy of the post card identifying the papers filed and showing the United States Patent and Trademark Office receipt stamp showing the date of November 24, 2003.
4. Also submitted is a copy of the complete response that was previously filed.

### STATEMENT

5. Please proceed with further examination of this application on the basis of the attached copy of the papers previously filed.


### REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

6. Acknowledgement of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

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